
Residency Description

This is a one-year, pharmacy practice residency offered by Idaho State University in cooperation with the VA Salt Lake City Health Care System. It is designed to prepare pharmacists for advanced level practice in an ambulatory care setting. The resident will gain extensive experience in chronic disease state management while caring for patients with diabetes, hypertension, hyperlipidemia, anticoagulant therapy, and chronic pain. We are looking for motivated individuals with a commitment to patient care. This residency is accredited by the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists as a PGY1 residency.

Residency Goals and Objectives

The purpose of this residency is to produce a pharmacy practitioner with the knowledge, skills, abilities and confidence to provide advanced level pharmaceutical care to patients in a primary care ambulatory care setting. The goal is to develop a practitioner especially skilled at chronic disease state management in the areas of diabetes, hyperlipidemia, hypertension, anticoagulation and chronic pain management. The resident will grow in their ability to work collaboratively with other health care providers, patients and caregivers to achieve optimal therapeutic outcomes. Through a variety of teaching experiences, the resident will develop the ability to teach effectively. The resident will also be provided with the tools needed to improve patient safety and contribute to cost-effective, evidence-based pharmaceutical care. With attitudes and skills developed during the residency, the pharmacist will strive for and be able to self-direct their continued professional growth and contribute to the advancement of the profession.

Training Site

The training site for this residency is the VA Pocatello Community-based Outpatient Clinic. This clinic is a free standing unit of the VA Salt Lake City Health Care System. It sees a typical veteran population of approximately 40 general medicine patients per day and deals primarily with chronic maintenance care. A limited amount of urgent care is also provided. In addition, the clinic serves as a training site for Idaho State University health professions students. The clinic is staffed by three physicians, one nurse practitioner, one physician assistant, two pharmacists, and several nurses. All patient records and order entry are computerized. In addition to facilitating record retrieval, the computer system provides an efficient form of communication between the pharmacy resident and health care providers. This training site is notable for providing a highly collaborative, team-oriented environment.

Residency Program Director

This residency is under the local direction of Teddie Gould, Pharm. D, BCPS, Associate Professor of Pharmacy Practice, Idaho State University.

Resident Duties and Responsibilities

The resident will have extensive patient contact and responsibility for approximately 7 scheduled patient appointments per week, as referred by clinic prescribers. Other duties will include pain management, responding to clinic consult requests, shared responsibility for anticoagulation clinic and participation in both clerkship and Case Studies teaching. The resident will work with the State of Idaho Drug Utilization Review program, the Idaho Drug Information Service and also complete a research project for presentation at the Western States Conference for Pharmacy Residents.

Program Requirements

Successful completion of all program components, including completion and presentation of one formal research project. The program is 52 weeks in length. Upon successful completion, the resident will be awarded a certificate.

Location

Pocatello, Idaho. Population 50,000. Second largest city in the state. Pocatello offers an excellent lifestyle and low cost of living. Located in southeastern Idaho, three hours north of Salt Lake City, Utah and four hours east of Boise (capitol city of Idaho). It is in close proximity to Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks. Idaho is renowned for its outdoor recreation opportunities.

The ISU College of Pharmacy offers an entry-level Pharm. D degree with an entering class size of 60 students per year. The College also offers a large nationally known non-traditional Pharm. D program and a small graduate program in the pharmaceutical and social and administrative sciences.



Applicant Qualifications

Excellent interpersonal skills, earned Pharm. D degree from an accredited College of Pharmacy, eligibility for licensure in the state of Idaho, and interest in ambulatory care in a primary care setting.

Stipend

\$38,257 plus benefits, two weeks vacation and opportunity for travel funding.

Positions Available

One. Begins June 22, 2009

Application Procedure/Deadline

The applicant should submit a detailed letter of interest, current *curriculum vitae*, official transcripts and the names of three persons whom you have contacted and asked to write letters of recommendation (to be forwarded separately) to the address below. Residency applicants are also required to participate in the ASHP Resident Matching Program. (www.ashp.org)

Deadline: January 9, 2009

Address to:

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